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SUBJ: PRC CITES CRUISE MISSILE, NEUTRON BOMB AS EXAMPLES OF
WORSENING U.S.-SOVIET RELATIONS

1. IN TWO JULY 15 NCNA ARTICLES, ALSO CARRIED IN
JULY 16 PEOPLE'S DAILY, PEKING HAS TOLD THE CHINESE
PUBLIC THAT US-SOVIET RELATIONS ARE DETERIORATING.
THE FIRST ARTICLE NOTES PRESIDENT CARTER'S JUNE 30
ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DISCONTINUATION OF B-1 PRODUCTION
IN FAVOR OF CRUISE MISSILE DEVELOPMENT AND HIS JULY 12
STATEMENT IN FAVOR OF PRODUCTION OF THE NEUTRON
BOMB. IT THEN GOES ON TO OUTLINE SOVIET REACTION,
INCLUDING SOVIET MEDIA'S DIRECT ATTACKS ON PRESIDENT.
THE ARTICLE FURTHER NOTES THE SOVIET "REJECTION" OF
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US PROPOSAL FOR A SUMMIT MEETING, AND CITES PRESI-
DENT'S REMARKS THAT "HE DID NOT BELIEVE THAT AMERICAN-
SOVIET RELATIONS WOULD BE IMPROVED IN THE COMING MONTHS".

2-. A SECOND ARTICLE THE SAME DAY REPORTS WITHOUT
COMMENT PRESIDENT'S SUPPORT FOR NEUTRON BOMB DEVELOPMENT
AND SENATE DECISION TO FUND PRODUCTION. IT QUOTES

SEANTE OPPONENTS OF THE BOMB AS SAYING "THAT RUSSIANS
'DON'T WANT TO' INVADE WESTERN EUROPE, AND THE U.S.
'WILL HAND THE RUSSIANS A PROPAGANDA PRIZE' IN PRODUCING
THE WARHEADS". NCNA NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT "ALL THESE
ASSERTIONS WERE MET WITH REFUTATION". THE ARTICLE
ALSO REPORTS MOSCOW'S STRONG REACTION TO THE ANNOUNCE-
MENT.

3. ALTHOUGH NCNA IN THESE ARTICLES IS CAREFUL TO
TO AVOID TAKING SIDES ON SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF THE CRUISE
MISSILE AND NEUTRON BOMB DEBATES, THERE IS A TONE
OF MILD GENERAL APPROVAL IN BOTH FOR ADMINISTRATION
DECISIONS TO TAKE MEASURES TO COUNTER THE SOVIET
UNION.
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